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SUBJECT: IRAQI DELEGATION VISITS QATAR

1. HIGH LEVEL IRAQI DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR  
IZZAT IBRAHIM AD-DURI, AND INCLUDING TRADE MINISTER HASAN ALI,  
MINISTER OF STATE ADNANA KHAYRALLAH, FOREIGN MINISTER SA'DUN  
HAMMADI, AGRICULTURE MINISTER LATIF NASIF JASIM, AND CENTRAL  
BANK GOVERNOR FAKHRI QADDURI VISITED DOHA APR 27-29. IRAQIS  
WERE RECEIVED BY AMIR, TO WHOM THEY REPORTEDLY CONVEYED MESSAGES  
FROM PRESIDENT BAKR AND SADDAM HUSSAIN. AMIR AND GOQ MINISTER  
OF INTERIOR HOSTED BANQUETS IN THEIR HONOR. IRAQIS WERE ALSO  
RECEIVED IN OFFICE CALLS BY THEIR QATARI COUNTERPARTS. VISIT  
GIVEN EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE.

2. PRESS RELEASE ISSUED AFTER DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE FOR ABU  
DHABI ON APR 29 OUTLINED SUBJECTS DISCUSSED. ACCORDING RELEASE,  
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GULF SECURITY DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT OF NEED FOR "REGIONAL SOLIDARITY  
AS GUARANTEE TO KEEP AREA FREE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS  
AND COUNTER FOREIGN THREATS." RELEASE ALSO DECLARED THAT  
GOI/GOQ HAD "IDENTICAL" VIEWS ON COOPERATION WITHIN OPEC, OPEC  
UNITY AND OIL PRICES. QATARIS REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED IRAQI SUGGEST-  
ION FOR MEETING OF GULF ECONOMIC AND TRADE MINISTERS TO PROMOTE  
COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS.

3. COMMENT: A GLUMMER BUNCH HAS NEVER GRACED BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN DOHA, AND THERE IS PLENTY OF COMPETITION. THE ONLY BRIGHT SPOT IN THE DELEGATION APPEARED TO BE AD-DURI'S RED HAIR. (WE NOTICED DURING AMIR'S BANQUET THAT AD-DURI WAS FED A SERIES OF PILLS BY ONE OF HIS LACKEYS.) SINCE IRAQIS ARE AS WELCOME HERE AS THE POX, QATARI OFFICIALS MADE PREDICTABLY SNIDE COMMENTS ABOUT THE VISIT. SECURITY CHIEF REMARKED THAT HE HAD LAID ON EXTRA-HEAVY DETAILS, BUT THESE WERE TO PROTECT QATARIS FROM THE IRAQIS\* ANOTHER OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT IRAQIS APPARENTLY GOING THROUGH ONE OF THEIR PERIODIC AWAKENINGS TO FACT THAT THEY ARE ODD MAN OUT IN ARAB WORLD, BUT HE SAID THIS BLITZ APPROACH NOT VERY EFFECTIVE IN CONVINCING AREA SCEPTICS OF GOI'S GOOD INTENTIONS. ALL THIS SNIPING NOTWITHSTANDING, IRAQIS WERE RESPECTFULLY TREATED. AMIR NORMALLY FEEDS ONLY CHIEFS OF STATE AND SOMETIMES VICE PRESIDENTS, SO HIS BANQUET WAS AN EXTRA, ALTHOUGH IT WAS POINTED OUT TO US THAT GIVEN BAKR'S POOR HEALTH AND INACTIVITY, AD-DURI IS EFFECTIVELY NO. 2 MAN IN IRAQ THESE DAYS. PAGANELLI

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